THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Due to ethnic violence and disturbed conditions in Sri Lanka, about 2,79,354 Sri Lankan refugees have entered India since July 1983.

(c) and (d) As reported by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, so far there is no law and order problem because of their arrival.

(e) Government of India's approach is to discourage their movement, but if any refugees do come, they are granted relief on humanitarian grounds with the ultimate object of repatriating them back to Sri Lanka and relief is provided to them pending such repatriation.

In normal course of time, whenever the Sri Lankan refugees give their willingness to return to Sri Lanka on their own, they are allowed to do so.

Assistance to Jammu and Kashmir under BADP

3415 SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide any sort of assistance to Jammu and Kashmir under Border Area Development Programme; and

(b) if-so, the nature of assistance provided during the last three years, year-wise, especially in R.S. Pura in Jammu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The allocation for Jammu & Kashmir during the last three years under Border Area Development Programme (BADP) have been as under:—

Year	Rs in lakh
2003-04	10000.00
2004-05	8695.00
2005-06	9999.97

As intimated by the State Government, following amounts have been provided to RS. Pura block during the last three years under BADP:

Year	Rs. in lakh
2003-04	121.38
2004-05	209.67
2005-06	366.69

Shortage of camels with battalions of BSF

t3416. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of camels with the battalions of Border Security Force deployed at Rajasthan border and supplies to the soldiers are being affected due to this;

(b) if so, the reasons for this situation; and

(c) the action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There is at present a deficiency of camels with BSF Battalions deployed on Rajasthan Border. However, supplies to soldiers are not affected due to this shortage because camels are not used for carrying goods.

(c) Proposal to enhance the existing price ceiling per camel is under formulation in BSF so that good breeds of camels can be procured.

Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme

3417. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many freedom fighters' are benefited from Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme since its inception, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.